

# OUR NEWS

## AUGUST 2017

### TRANSFORMING MISSION: FALMOUTH TO LEAD THE WAY

Nearly £2 million is to be invested over five years to change the face of the Church in Cornwall, starting in the Falmouth area.

The Diocese of Truro and the Strategic Investment Board of the Archbishops' Council will between them fund the £1.9 million plan that will see the way church is 'done' transformed in the diocese, starting in Falmouth, with particular emphasis on reaching the 'missing generations' of families and young people.

The church will actively reach out with a new student ministry based in the café at King Charles the Martyr Church, which will be fitted out for the purpose. All Saints Parish Church will become a 'resource church', with a new Pioneer Priest and team, including a Student Minister and a Children and Families' Worker, leading the current congregation and developing new work at All Saints and across the Falmouth area.

The diocese applied for help with funding for the project from the Strategic Investment Board, which came up trumps and has offered a £1.2 million grant.

The church has set itself clear targets in terms of the numbers of worshippers it hopes to attract to its new and existing services. The Pioneer Priest will investigate new ways of reaching out to people and

explore ways in which worship can be built into the lives of young people, instead of expecting them to engage with traditional church services.

It is also hoped that by making church more relevant to young people's lives the church will be able to identify and nurture future candidates for ordination and other leadership roles.

**The aim is to invest in and work on the project in Falmouth, and then use its key successes and learnings to provide a template to be rolled out in other Cornish towns in the future.**

#### READ MORE

<https://tinyurl.com/ybe4mvgt>



### EASIEST PLEDGE TIME!

**Pledge Six: I pledge to work out my own carbon footprint using one of the many easy to use carbon calculators e.g., <http://footprint.wwf.org.uk>**

Careful – this one is a little shocking! When they did these pledges, Bishop Tim, Archdeacon Bill, Steve Wild and Donna Birrell found they learnt a great deal.

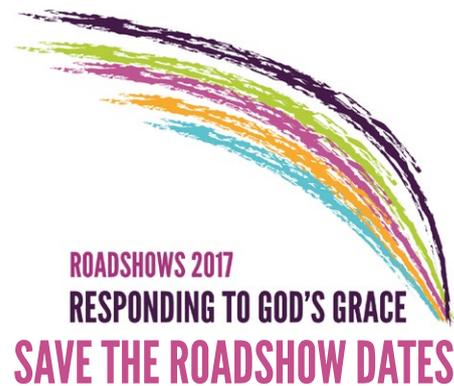
A few clicks and moments later you will be connected with the reality. This halfway point in the pledges has really helped people to actually start to make the right changes.

**“You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.” (Nehemiah 9:6)**

The imperative to take action at every level to protect and sustain the life of the planet comes not simply in response to the overwhelming evidence of the damage caused by climate change and the consequent threat to life on earth. It comes also for us as Christians from our conviction that all creation is a gift from God, and that we have a responsibility to preserve and hand it on to future generations for their enjoyment. The Church should be in the forefront of environmental activity, not least as witness to this belief.

#### MORE INFORMATION

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**ROADSHOWS 2017  
RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE  
SAVE THE ROADSHOW DATES**

Being a follower of Jesus is about responding to what God has already given us in terms of his unconditional love, his forgiveness, his involvement in our lives and his overwhelming generosity. In this year's roadshows, we will look afresh at what God's grace involves, and explore five practical areas in which our responses can be grounded.

Each Roadshow start at 7pm and will finish no later than 9pm.

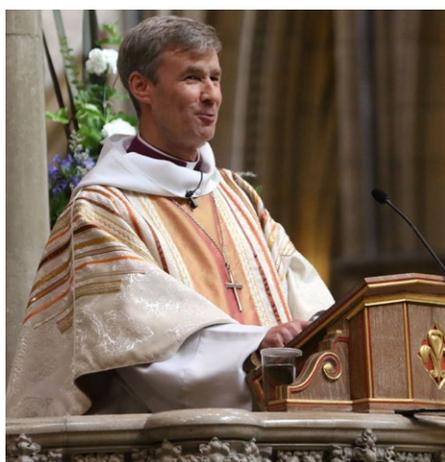
**DATES & VENUES**  
<https://tinyurl.com/y8tr4gfs>

# FINAL SERVICE FOR BISHOP TIM

Truro Cathedral was filled with joy, hope, laughter, and sadness, when people gathered to worship with Bishop Tim as he presided over his final Eucharist service as diocesan bishop.

He was joined by Bishop Chris, Dean Roger, Archdeacons Audrey and Bill, and, characteristically, Revd Steve Wild, chairman of Cornwall's Methodist District, as well as pupils from some of Cornwall's church schools, and members of Cornwall Deaf Church.

The Sung Eucharist also featured the Truro Cathedral Choir, and other musicians, as



well as readings from Bishop Tim's wife, Sián, and Diocesan Secretary Esther Pollard.

During a memorable and beautiful service, Bishop Tim gave a sermon that spoke of his life as a diocesan bishop in Cornwall.

He said: "Tragically, as we also know, there is a gap between perception and reality of life in Cornwall. Many are suffering and may be struggling to survive. Thousands of volunteers work day by day because of their Christian faith to help those who are struggling.

"I urge you to notice the gap there is in your lives between reality and perception and work on closing it.

"Brothers and sisters in Christ, mind the gap, keep working on what God calls us to be and enjoy the daily challenge of being a disciple of Jesus Christ who is alive.

"Thank you, keep the faith, and goodbye."

**READ MORE**  
<https://tinyurl.com/y744llzk>

## WAR MEMORIALS SURVEY

War Memorials Online wants to know the condition of the estimated 100,000 war memorials in the UK in order to plan for their future conservation and protect the important social history each memorial represents. Anyone can register to add or edit condition information, photographs and other details. Information added appears instantaneously.

Memorials that are reported in poor or very bad condition or any concerns reported are sent directly to War Memorials Trust's conservation team who can follow up, directing resources, free conservation advice and potentially grant funding, to those that need it. The Trust would like to gather as much information as possible by November 2018 to ensure as many war memorials as possible are fit for commemorative events.

**REGISTER**  
<https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/>

## JOB VACANCY IN FALMOUTH

This is an exciting opportunity for a Pioneer Student Minister with a heart for student ministry, a passion for growing the church and experience in working with students and young people.

**MORE INFORMATION**  
[www.trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/other-vacancies/](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/other-vacancies/)



## FREE PARISH OFFICERS' TRAINING DAY SEPTEMBER 2 TRURO COLLEGE 10AM - 3.30PM BOOK HERE

### MISSION

# SIGN UP TO 'INSPIRING EARTH' DURING THIS CREATIONTIDE

'Creationtide' or the 'Season of Creation' is from September 1 to October 4 and is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

As Christians, we acknowledge that the environment is our common home, and we need to tread more gently on the earth and care for our shared planet. This is a special time for us to recall our relationship with the Earth and the Holy.

This year in Creationtide, EcoChurch SouthWest, which is a partnership of Anglican dioceses in the region, will be encouraging church members to sign up to receive daily resources for celebration, reflection and action.

Under the theme 'Inspiring Earth', participants will be sent a message every

## EcoChurch Southwest

Working in partnership for a low carbon future

day with a biblical passage, prayer or reflection, questions and local stories of "Creation Care". These will include short videos and suggestions for reducing our human impact on the wider world.

'Inspiring Earth' is open to all who are concerned with protecting the planet, the poor and the future and who wish to demonstrate God's love at a time of ecological crisis.

### SIGN UP

Activate the Mailchimp function at [ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk/creationtide/](http://ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk/creationtide/)

## INTRODUCING THE NEW CORNISH CELTIC WAY FACILITATOR

Caroline Marwood has joined the diocese's pilgrimages team as the new Cornish Celtic Way Facilitator.

Caroline says: "When I saw the position advertised on Facebook I thought it was an exciting opportunity to help build God's kingdom here in beautiful Cornwall. I have always thought pilgrimage is something instinctive. We are all on our own journey of faith, whatever that may be, and being outside in God's wonderful creation is a real opportunity to become closer to Him. I have often sensed the presence of God, His majesty and love when out in nature and I find walking is a time when my mind can reflect."

Caroline, who now lives just outside St Ives with her husband Keiren and two whippets, Pippin and Dillon, retired to Cornwall after 34 years as a police officer in London and immersed herself in the

local community, quickly becoming a Churchwarden at Towednack Church. Caroline is even learning Cornish and has enjoyed developing herself as a printmaking artist.

Caroline's new role will involve co-ordinating offers of accommodation for pilgrims all along the route and providing advice on all aspects of the project. Caroline says: "If you have any experiences of walking the Way or you want to get involved please do let me know. I am keen to share the good news of how God meets people in pilgrimage. I can be contacted at [cornishcelticway@truro.anglican.org](mailto:cornishcelticway@truro.anglican.org)

## FIRST CORNISH CELTIC WAY FESTIVAL

August 28 - September 12, 2017

Visit [www.cornishcelticway.co.uk](http://www.cornishcelticway.co.uk) for details of eight accompanied walks taking place during the festival.

## DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

### Licensed Clergy

The following were ordained as Deacon: **The Revd Ian Gulland** (Licensed as Assistant Curate of St Austell); **The Revd Rachel Monie** (Licensed as Assistant Curate of Perranzabuloe and Crantock with Cubert; St Agnes and Mount Hawke with Mithian).

### The following were ordained as Priest:

**The Revd Amanda Evans** (South Carnmarth Deanery); **The Revd Arwen Folkes** (St Just in Roseland & St Mawes); **The Revd Teresa Folland** (Launceston); **The Revd Annabel King** (Benefice of the Callington Cluster); **The Revd Kirsten Norfolk** (Ludgvan, Marazion, St Hilary & Perranuthnoe); **The Revd Nikki Thornhill** (St Breoke & Egloshayle in Wadebridge); **The Revd Linda Whetter** (Probus, Ladock, Grampound w Creed & St Erme).

### Retired Clergy

**The Revd Canon Sherry Bryan\*** retired on 30 June and is no longer Rector of Blisland w Temple, St Breward & Helland; Priest in Charge of St Tudy w St Mabyn & Michaelstow. **The Revd Ken Wakefield\*** retired on 30 June and is no longer Rector of Boyton, North Tamerton, Werrington, St Giles-in-the-Heath and Virginstow.

### Church House

**Kayode Odetayo, Strategic Programme Manager**, will start his role on August 1. He will be based at Church House, although he will spend a considerable amount of time out initially in Falmouth and the surrounding area. His is a full-time role.

**Bianca Parry, Student Hub & Café Manager**, will start in her role on August 7 and will move full-time to Cornwall in September.

**Matt Parry, Assistant Hub & Café Manager**, will also start in his role on August 7 and be in Cornwall full-time from September. Both of these roles will be based at King Charles the Martyr café, in Falmouth.

**Caroline Marwood, Cornish Celtic Way Facilitator**, started in July. Caroline is based at Church House, although she will be out and about in our parishes and the wider community.

**Claire Watkins, Communications Officer**, started her maternity leave in July.

\* Contact details can be found in the online directory <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/directory-live/>

# TRANSFORMING MISSION

The Revd Chris Thomson has recently moved to the South West; he has been helping prepare the ground for Transforming Mission. He writes:

“ God calls. The very meaning of life is found in relationship with our God who alone is the answer to the joys, vulnerabilities and mysteries of the human condition.

Because we are made by Him, and for relationship with Him, we are restless until we find our centre in Him. He is constantly calling us into the fullness of who we are meant to be. In Jesus, we are met by God face to face, and shown what it is to be fully human. In Jesus, we have God himself showing us that he knows us intimately, knows the deepest depths of our souls, and through Jesus' life, death and resurrection we can know God personally also. Are you hearing his call to you?

Jesus has commissioned His Church with the task of sharing this good news with the world: to heal lives, repair souls, end loneliness, lift burdens, give people certain hope, set trapped people free, reveal purpose and meaning to every person, and show the truth of that unending joy which weathers

all the storms of life because it is found in Jesus: the one who, unlike so much in our life, is never corroded and is always with us.

Transforming Mission is nothing less than a response to this commission. We believe that God is calling us, by the power of His Holy Spirit, to establish five new Resource Churches across Cornwall. These churches will aim constantly to communicate and engage in accessible ways, to raise up vocations, to work to heal society, to reach the 'un-Churched' and the 'missing generations', to resource other churches, and to plant further churches to continue this vital work in our times.

All are invited to join this adventure, as, together, we continue Jesus' ministry:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

*Luke 4: 18-19*

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON CHURCH GROWTH

### REVD DR DAVID ISIORHO

I have just returned from AMD and I was very impressed that it was possible to participate in a discussion of church growth that did not centre on bums on seats or the idea that the only people we wanted in church were under the age of 25. Yes, I am new to the Diocese of Truro and I feel like someone who has come in from the cold.

Clearly numerical or quantitative growth is related to qualitative growth. If what we are doing is about God's love and is seen as an example of good practice then other people will want to join in with us. Surely that is what mission and outreach is all about.

I did some research work a few years ago in which I asked people about mission but was very careful not to offer any definition. The findings were interesting and centred around issues of stewardship. Some people wanted more numbers in church to help them pay the parish bills. Others

saw growth in people willing to commit themselves to the parish church and share the responsibility of active lay leadership by working in partnership with their clergy.

My focus as a practical theologian was to engage with the assumptions of research participants and the multi-dimensional nature of mission as understood by active church members. And this particular mode of mission has things to say about Christian witness and reaching out to those beyond the fold with the clear intention of inviting them in.

For me mission is part of what defines church. The only church growth that makes any sense is that which is driven by what the church understands by its mission in the world and to the world.

So, every mission initiative we undertake in the name of Christ should be sustained by prayer. And all this in his glad service.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AUGUST

- 2 North Hill Church - An Architectural Church (Talk)** St Torney's, 7:30pm £3 Contact **Sarah Latham**
- 2 Cream Tea**, St Ia, St Ives, 11-4pm (If wet will be in church)
- 5 Strawberry Fayre**, St Erme Church, 2:30pm - 5pm
- 5 Taize Service** Epiphany House, 7pm
- 6 Consecration of new bells & rededication of refurbished tower** by Bishop Chris, St Winnow Church, 11am.
- 12 Wadebridge Parish Summer Fayre**, Wadebridge Town Hall, 12:30pm
- 13 Wadebridge Outdoor Worship**, The Piazza, 10:30am
- 15 - Sept 5 'Rhythms of dancing light' exhibition**, St Marys, Penzance, 10am-4pm
- 19 St Endellion Church Quiet day**, St Endellion, 10am-3pm, £10, led by the Ven John Rawlings [www.endellionta.org.uk](http://www.endellionta.org.uk)
- 25-28 Egloshayle craft fayre**, Egloshayle Church, 10am-5pm
- 27 Teddy Bear parachute jump**, Egloshayle Church, 2:30pm
- 25-28 St Neot Village festival**, St Neot
- 28 St Winnow Way Pilgrimage**, starting at St Mary Bradoc Church, noon.

## GET IN TOUCH

If you have a news story or a diary date to share, please get in touch: 01872 360037 [comms@truro.anglican.org](mailto:comms@truro.anglican.org) before the 17th of each month.

## PRACTICAL HELP WITH ORGANISING SAFER EVENTS

Those organising events on behalf of their church or community are being urged to attend one of four counter-terrorism awareness events in Cornwall.

The events are presented by trained police advisers and consist of a range of counter-terrorism awareness modules, which in turn will allow participants to consider their own procedures for dealing with terror related incidents.

The local sessions, being organised by Devon and Cornwall Police, are being held at:

New County Hall in Truro, on Tuesday 15th August, from 2-4pm and 6-8pm

St Johns Hall in Penzance, on Wednesday 23rd August, from 2-4pm and 6-8pm

### BOOK

Send your name, organisation and contact details along with your chosen venue and time direct to [ctsa@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ctsa@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

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